the US State Department, on the eve of UN Human Rights Conference at Geneva, com. menting on India that "Despite extensive Constitutional safeguards, significant human rights abues persist through India" and that the abuses are aggravated by servere social tensions" adding that abuses are particularly acute in disturbed areas, such as Punjab and Kashmir, where judicial system has broken down in the face of terrorist threats"; and (b) if so, whether Government have reacted to the disinformation spreao thereby, if so in what terms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MTNISTARY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) :(a) Yes sir.

(b) Government have on a continuing basis been impressing upon the US Government that India's commitment to human rights is second to none. Government remain committed to safeguarding the human rights of its innocent and law abiding citizens. The National Human Rights Commission has started functioning and India has also permitted access to certain international non-governmental organisations. Government's efforts to restore normalcy in J & K axe being hindered by Pakistan's continuing support to terrorism in India.

Pakistan's Letter to UN Secretary General's Spekesnun on Kashmir

1051. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention ha been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated January 27, 1994 to the effect that Pakistan has circulated a con_ cocted letter attributed to the spokesman of the UN Secretary General questioning the Indian position on UN resolutions on Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken to set the matters right both in UN and diplomatic circles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The High Commission of Pakistan in Mauritius had issued a Press Release quoting the Spokesman for the UN Secretary General, questioning the Indian position on UN Resolutions on Kashmir. The Government of India had taken up the matter with the Spokesman of the UN Secretary General, who has inaletter addressed to the Pakistani Mission in the UN category, cally denied the statements attributed to him be Pakistan and indicated the factual position. The Spokesman has also asked Pakistan to issue appropriate corrections in locations where the Pakistani press release was issued.

Bilateral Talks with Myanmar

1052. CHOWDHURY HARI SINGH Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Myanmar's Deputy Foreign Minister visited New Delhi in January 1994 for bilateral talks for normalisation of relations with Myanmar ;

(b) if so, what specific issues were discussed during his visit : and

(c) what are the result to achieved '?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. A seven-member Myanmar delegation headed by the Deputy Foreign Minister of Union of Myanmar visited India from 19-24 January. 1994.

(b) The entire gamut of bilateral relations was discussed during the visit.

(c) During the visit two agreements were signed namely the Border Trade Agreement to augment and reguiate the bilateral trade through the land route across the border and a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Civilian Border Authorities aimed at curbing trans-border movement of insurgents, narco-traflfickers, smugglers, etc.

Encroachment of Indian Land by Nepal

1053. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Mirisfer of EXTERNAL AFEAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 263 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1993 and state :

(a) at what levels of Governmtnt the issue of encroachment of 5000 hectares of Indian

territory by Nepal hats been taken, up by Gov-
ernment with the Nepalese authorities ;

(b) what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to get back the encroached Indian territory from Nepalese occupation ?

THE MINISTET OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) The issue of encroachment of Indian territory by Nepal has been taken up at the level of the Minister of External Affairs with the Nepal lese authorities. The Joint Technical Level India-Nepal Boundary .Committee, which was constituted in 1981 to demarcate finally the India-Nepal boundary along its entire length, has also discussed the matter a number of times
in the past.

While the Joint Technical Level Boundary Committee is working hard to complete the demarcation on the basis of accepted principles, there are certain sectors in India-Nepal boundary where there is no agreement regarding these principles. Detailed surveys investigations of the areas involved are proposed to be carried out m consultation with concerned State Governments of India. Senior survey officials .of India, and Nepal are expected
to meet in New Delhi in March. 1994 to discuss
all matters relating to demarcation, of India Nepal boundary.

Threats of Kidnapping to Indian Diplomats

1054. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian diplomasts in UK and elsewherer have received threats of kidnapping from separatists in the recen' past ;

(b) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what security arrangements have been made by the respective Governments for the safety of the Indian diplomats serving abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):(a) No. Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The security of out diplomats their families and all our missions abroad is primarily
'he responsibility of the host Government. The security arrangements made depend upon the security environment and the threat per ception of the host security services.

We augment these security arrangements by deploying India based Security Guards and installing various types of security equipment These security arrangements are periodically reviewed and suitably augmented in coopera-*Hon* with the host Government.

Extradtion Treaty with Nepal

1055. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Wil the Minister OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whethe Government propose to sign extradition treaty with Nepal to check terro-rism and prevent eriminats taking shelter in Nopal after committing heinous crimes on the Tndian soil :

lb) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Nepalese Government in thisregard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) The Government of India entered into a Treaty of Extradition with Government of Nepal on October 2, 1953. Under the Treaty the two Governments engage to deliver up to each other
those persons accused or convicted of a crime in the territory of one Government who arc found within the territory of the other Govern, ment, in circumttances provided in the Treaty Extradition under the Treaty may be granted for murder, dacoity and other major crimes

(c) Does not arise.

भारतीय सांस्कृतिक सम्बन्ध परिषद् को दी गई धनराशि

1056. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार भारतीय